Committee on Suicides by Farmers

2648. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed by the Prime Minister to probe the causes of growing farmers suicides has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures recommended to redress the alarming situation and action proposed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) No Sir, Prime Minister has not appointed a Committee to probe the causes of growing farmers' suicides. However, the Government has decided to constitute an Expert Group to look into the problems of Agricultural indebtedness in its totality and suggest measures to provide relief to farmers across the country. The terms of reference of the Group are as under:—

1. To look into the problems of Agricultural indebtedness in its totality.

2. To suggest measures to provide relief to farmers across the country.

Special Package to prevent suicides by farmers

2649. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised a special package to prevent suicides by farmers in the country;